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Applicant : Robert G. Tryon III et al.      Art Unit : 2857  
Serial No. : 10/043,712      Examiner : Mary C. Baran  
Filed : January 8, 2002  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING FAILURE IN A SYSTEM

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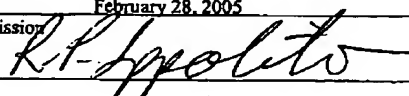
SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW OF FEBRUARY 24, 2005

On February 24, 2005, a telephonic interview was conducted. In attendance were attorney Linda Gunderson, Examiner Mary Baran, and Supervisor Marc Hoff.

Ms. Gunderson discussed the differences between the Quist reference and claim 1 of the currently pending claims. Ms. Gunderson indicated that the pending claims would be amended to include the features indicated allowable in the office action having a mailing date of November 30, 2004. Ms. Gunderson indicated that the "communicating the prediction" and "physics based" features of claim 1 (and similar features elsewhere) would be deleted in the response. Examiner Baran indicated that the allowability of the claims would not be affected by removing the two features.

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